

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 7 and 20-22 and amend claims 1 and 8, so that the claims in the application read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for effecting a superficial chemical skin peel which comprises topically applying to skin to be treated a solution of salicylic acid containing at least 15 wt % up to a saturation concentration of salicylic acid, based on the weight of the solution, in a dermatologically acceptable, volatile, liquid solvent, ~~and~~ allowing the salicylic acid to be present as a solution on a surface of the skin for a time sufficient to produce a chemical peel of stratum corneum of the skin with viable epidermis remaining substantially intact, allowing the applied solution to dry on the skin, and wiping the treated skin after the applied solution has dried, to remove residue from the applied solution from the skin.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the salicylic acid is present in the solution in an amount of at least about 20 wt%.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the salicylic acid is present in the solution in an amount of at least about 30 wt%.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, methanol, acetone and diethyl ether.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the solution comprises salicylic acid in ethanol.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 1 wherein the treated skin is wiped with water.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 which further comprises the step of wiping the treated skin no later than one hour after the solution has been applied, to remove residual applied solution.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the treated skin is wiped with water.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the treated skin is facial skin.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the skin being treated is affected with a skin disorder selected from the group consisting of photodamaged skin, hyperpigmentation, acne vulgaris, rosacea, premalignant skin cancer, wrinkles and superficial scarring.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the skin disorder is hyperpigmentation.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the skin disorder is acne vulgaris, selected from inflammatory acne, comedonal acne and acne-induced scarring.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Cancelled).